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The beginning of a movement is electric. Thousands pour out into the streets; and, in the case of LA, the freeways. People come together and demand their rights, and the country has to listen. Our ability to come out in such numbers in spite of all the attacks on our communities, is indeed very powerful. It's courageous given that we're taking on a very cruel and racist administration.

Yet, this is something that we have done before. Immigrants and their allies have pushed back against deportations. We have prevented anti-immigrant laws from passing. We have kicked Nazis and racists out of our communities. We have won sanctuary cities and stopped checkpoints in our communities. We have won rights for immigrants like DACA. In the 80s, during Reagan, we won legalization for millions.

Even against all odds and against some of the most racist politicians and organizations, we have prevailed. This took protests, direct actions, civil disobedience, and plenty of organizing. Much like the civil rights movement of the 60s, it took committed activists to join forces and build a movement for winning their rights. We are at a good start right now. We will need to take it to the next level.

If you would like to learn how we were able to achieve all of this, join us for a meeting with activists who took part in some of these struggles. Immigrant rights activists have used various tactics to achieve success. From Know Your Rights forums, large scale demonstrations, student walkouts, targeted political office takeovers, counter protesting racists, and even organizing sanctuary churches.

A movement is only as strong as the people within it, and how well organized and politically educated they are on the issues affecting them. For that they need open and democratic spaces that bring in newer leaders into the movement. We want to create those spaces where we can learn from the victories of the past, and strategize for future ones.

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